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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I was pleased to see the Department of Justice has made the wise decision to settle the Microsoft antitrust lawsuit. In my opinion, the DOJ was way off base in its decision to file this case. Notwithstanding this belief, I am supportive of the terms of the settlement agreement, and I looking forward to a resolution of this case.

Microsoft has agreed to a variety of concessions in the interest of moving forward. They have agreed to change their business practices to quell concerns of anticompetitive behavior. They agreed to not retaliate against those who promote, distribute, or sell software that competes with Windows. They also agreed not to enforce many of their intellectual property rights.

Through the settlement agreement, Microsoft has answered the concerns about predatory business practices. Nothing more should be done beyond the terms of the settlement agreement.

I would suggest that in the future the Government not base their lawsuits on the word of competitors and give some thought to the facts such as the user public was being well served and this special-interest litigation is sure to cost the users more in the long run.

Sincerely,
Neil J. Sullivan

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